



William M. Giles was born September 3, 1846, in Arnold, Nottingham, England, to Thomas and Mariah Kirkham Giles. As a youth he worked in the livery stables in England.

This family heard the gospel preached and became members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints about 1860. In March, 1862, they sailed from Liverpool, England, for America. There were five children in the family. The eldest daughter, being married, remained in England. Thomas, a son, died while crossing the ocean and was buried at sea. The ship had to be repaired while crossing and they were six weeks reaching America.

They took the train from New York to St. Louis, then traveled by boat up the Missouri River to Florence, Nebraska. There they joined the immigrants of Captain Duncan's company and traveled to Utah.

They left the immigrant company in Echo Canyon and came by way of Silver Creek directly to Heber, arriving in September, 1862.

William M. Giles homesteaded 160 acres southwest of Heber, down close to the river and known as the Bill M. Homestead. He joined the militia and fought in the Black Hawk War. He helped to bring about peace with the Indians.

In 1871, January 5, William M. Giles married Ann Murdock in the Salt Lake Endowment House. To them were born 11 children: John Thomas M., Mariah, William, Jane Ann, George David, Sarah Elizabeth, Joseph Fielding, Orson Edward, James Alvin, Henry Alexander, Charles Andrew.

Ann Murdock Giles passed away January 2, 1890.

Some time later, William M. married Rachel Howarth Fortie, a widow with three children.

William M. Giles was a very active man all his life, helping to build the community. He was a successful farmer. He passed away in 1926. —